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Purpose Statement

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Welcome to Parkway

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you are with us virtually, please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

Welcome Children. We invite children to full participation in worship.

Today's scripture reader: Alice Stifel

Today's flowers: Naomi Runtz in celebration of her 90th birthday.

Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer. A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop work and join in prayer.

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Mental Health Support

988 (new nationwide 3-digit number similar to 911... call or text)

24/7 Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255 (TALK)

800-SUICIDE: 800-784-2433

24/7 Missouri Department of Mental Health 800-811-4760

Text 741741 and someone will text right back... www.crisistextline.org

Behavioral Health Network of Greater St Louis 314-449-6713

Anniversaries

8/29 COBB, Harold & Carol (58)

8/30 PENICO, Steve & Paige (19)

9/1 REED, Lara & Jared (15)

9/3 MATTEUCCI, Sandra & Nick (28)

Birthdays

8/27 SHELTON, Kelly

8/30 RUNTZ, Naomi

8/28 YAKEL, Lauren

9/1 HASLER, Rick

8/29 STOLZE, Mike

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 28, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Meditation *Our full humanity is contingent on our hospitality; we can be complete only when we are giving something away; when we sit at the table and pass the peas to the person next to us we see that person in a whole new way. ~Alice Waters*

Welcome Let us know you are here!

Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Chris be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Prelude *Peace Be with You*—Daniel E. Gawthrop

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *In Unity We Lift Our Song* #2221, v1-2



1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate-ful a - dor -
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -
3. For sa - cred scrip-tures hand - ed down, a bless-ed trust and
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What
a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to
treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness
give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive
make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind
hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,
to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home
and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still
when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone



who've held us in the night, the bless-ed con-gre-ga-tion.
 and e-vil sea-sons come; how firm is our foun-da-tion.
 whose words our hearts can fill with hope be-yond all mea-sure.
 and all our work is done, and we shall sing for-ev-er.

Scripture Luke 14:1, 7-14 (CEB – Common English Bible)

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. “When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don’t take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give your seat to this other person.’ Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, they will say, ‘Friend, move up here to a better seat.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.” Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your sisters and brothers, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

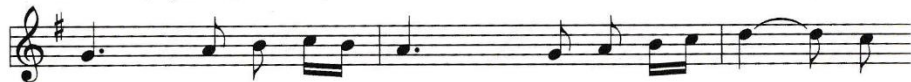
*Call to Worship Neryl McCallum

One:	We are God’s people, the community of Christ, living compassion and hope. We gather to worship our God, to uphold one another in prayer and be bound to each other in friendship and concern.
Many:	We come as a community woven by the spirit who calls us to be vital, vibrant people, living out our faith, forward looking, alert and ready to bring healing and wholeness to the world.
One:	We come for we have heard the call to live compassion’s way, to welcome the stranger and break down barriers of exclusion, to reconcile our differences and set aside wrongs, to embrace our diversity and know the blessing and harmony that is found when we open our hearts and minds to all.
Many:	We come to sing hope’s song, to bring in light when darkness abounds, to be a beacon of joy in desperate places, to respond to God’s love as it beckons us into a still more excellent way.
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

*Song *Though I May Speak* #335



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|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Though I may speak | with brav - est fire, | And have the |
| 2. Though I may give | all I pos - sess, | And striv - ing |
| 3. Come, Spir - it, come, | our hearts con - trol, | Our spir - its |



gift to all in - spire,	And have not love, my
so my love pro - fess,	But not be given by
long to be made whole.	Let in - ward love guide



words are vain;	As sound-ing brass,	and hope - less gain.
love with - in,	The prof - it soon	turns strange-ly thin.
ev - ery deed;	By this we wor - ship	and are freed.

*Opening Prayer Jonny Baker

God of justice, peace and righteousness, help us to sense you here with us now. Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening, your imagination on us. Wake us up. Open our eyes. Unplug our ears, that we might hear, that we might see, that we might grieve, that we might dream, that we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom. Amen

*Response *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Children's Time Children are invited to Room 12 (Lower Level) and Youth to Room 15 (Lower Level) following this Children's Time.

Blessing the Children *Weave*

Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together in unity and love,
Weave, weave, weave us together
Weave us together, together in love.

Welcoming New Members

Invitation

Our church family is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move

into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, new opportunities. It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome new members into our worship, work and witness today!

Questions of the Candidates

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Question About Participation

Welcome and Reception

One: Let us, the members of Parkway United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

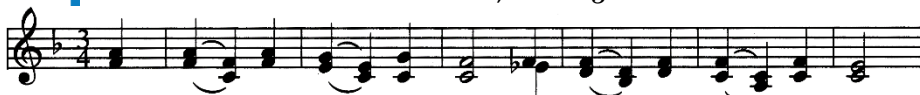
All: We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of Jesus.

Greeting of Christian Love

Sponsors: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Parkway United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the family of this local church.

Prayer

Response *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*, v1 and 3



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
2. Be - fore our Ma - kcr's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Hebrews 13, selected verses (CEB – Common English Bible)
Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, God has said, "*I will never leave you or abandon you.*" This is why we can confidently say, "*The Lord is my helper, and I won't be afraid. What can people do to me?*"

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *You Are Mine* #2218



1. — I will come to you in the si - lence, —
2. — I am hope for all who are hope-less, —
3. — I am strength for all the de - spair-ing, —
4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from — all your fear. —
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. —
am the peace the world can - not give. —



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac-ing all your pain, stand

still and know I am here. _____
 come and rest in
 all will know my
 up, now walk, and

me. _____
 name. _____
 live! _____

Do not be a-fraid, I am

with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine. _____

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

Mission Moment CROP Walk Sue Moellering and Pam Manning

Offering Our Gifts to God

If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate on the communion table before the end of the closing hymn. There are also offering plates in the Gathering Space just outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

Offering Interlude *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* – American melody, from Carrell and Clayton's Virginia Harmony, words by John Newton/"...ten thousand years..." verse by John P. Rees
 Sung by Bill Haack, bass

*Response *Let All Things Now Living* #554, v2

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we thank you for the example and inspiration of Jesus who welcomes all. We thank you for the energy and spunk of the Spirit who removes divisions among people. We thank you for being Creator, inviting us to co-exist and to know we are meant to be interdependent. Continue to guide us into places where we can find ways to serve one another and the whole. Amen.

*Song of Parting *The Servant Song #2222, v1-4*



- 1., 6. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav-en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*Benediction

*God's Light Goes Forth *Song of Victory!—Frank Ritter*

*Music for Going Forth

Announcements

TODAY: Joy to your Palate and to your Sense of Wonderment

On Sunday, August 28th, following worship in the back parking lot, the Speakers Series staff brings to the members of Parkway and its visitors, free ice cream treats and a mystery; an exhibit of an iconic, mythological landmark of historic and cultural significance. Bring the kids.

Festival of Nations Sat & Sun August 27-28 | festivalofnationsstl.org/

We are a diverse, inclusive and thriving community in St Louis!

An inclusive society is a festival! The FESTIVAL OF NATIONS! It is a time to enjoy amazing foods, toe tap to a musical spectacle, listen deeply to a story told, and support the thriving entrepreneurial spirit of this diverse community.

Festival of Nations is again brought to you by the International Institute of St. Louis. For more than 100 years, IISTL has been building a more connected and productive society to benefit immigrants, their families, and the wider community. Our vision is for a diverse, inclusive and thriving community.

Today, IISTL provides a whole host of services annually to more than 5,000 immigrants and refugees, including English classes, citizenship preparation, job services, counselling, and small business development. We are also working to help immigrants and the wider community to build connections by promoting cross-cultural understanding. Join us at www.iistl.org

Dolls! Dolls! Dolls! Sun Aug 28 | 2:00-3:00pm | Tappmeyer Homestead

2 Barnes W Drive in Millennium Park, behind Barnes Jewish West Hospital
While most girls her age were still playing with dolls, leAnne Curry started collecting them. Now a member of United Federated Doll Clubs and a participant in their judging program, she'll share some of her impressive collection. Besides seeing samples of her diverse acquisitions, leAnne will speak on their origins and how dolls reflect the times they were made. Having attending World Doll Day Celebration in California this spring, and from her own experiences in achieving her collection, leAnne can help you determine the value of dolls from your early years or those from family members. The program is free and a doll exhibit is open 12-4pm in the house.

CROP Walk 2022

Sunday, October 2 | 4:30pm Check-in | 5:00pm Walk

Eden Seminary, 475 Lockwood Ave, in Webster Groves, Missouri

5:00pm Crop Concert | Wehrli Chapel

The 2022 CROP HUNGER WALK will be a hybrid event: You may walk in person or register for the walk and choose to walk wherever and whenever you want, individually or in small groups. For details and to register, raise fund and/or donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/saintlouismo>
Type in Parkway UCC where you may join the team or make a donation.
Sue Moellering and Pam Manning, Crop WalkTeam

AWOL - Adventurous Women Out Late

Sun. Sept 18 12:15pm - lunch nearby after 11:15am Speaker Series

Sat. Oct. 29 7:30pm - *Discover Hannah Gadsby* @ church

Sat. Nov. 12 5:30pm- Dinner at J. Gilberts Steaks + shopping at mall

Fri. Dec 16 6:30pm- Golden Globe nominated movie TBA Thurs.

Jan 26 matinee at the FOX Theater - *SIX* the musical

Contact Carmen Bumgarner: cfbum@charter.net | (314) 330-0813



**3,800 Volunteers
Needed To Pack
1 Million Meals**
2,750 Kids fed for a year

Sept. 8-11, 2022
Kennedy Rec Center
6050 Wells Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63128

Adults and kids (age 5 and up)
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MannaPack meals



Packing Shifts are just 2 hours
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Every day 10,000 children die
from hunger related causes

Our Mission:
Until ALL Are Fed

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Feed The Need STL



We CAN do this St. Louis!

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Celebrations

Lucia McKenzie and John Bieg - wedding here last Saturday 8/20.

Coree Mix (he/him/they/them) first came to PUCC as *Diamond Perry* is coming out to the church and finding it their safe place - asking for prayers for guidance and healing as they battle with bulimia.

New Members: Dana Delibovi; Nancy Litzinger; Coree Mix; Cindy Nouri.

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far.

Concerns

Polly, Family and friends of Jim Winkelmann - grieving/giving thanks; Visitation 4-8pm on Tuesday; Funeral 11:30am on Wednesday at Kutis Funeral Home - 10151 Gravois Rd, Affton, MO 63123.

Linda Tossing - knee replacement surgery on August 24.

Gail Haack's brother - hip replacement surgery on August 24.

Jo Grove - healing at home after several days in the hospital last week.

Amy Yakel - healing from recent knee replacement surgery.

Bart Coleman - good progress as he preps for 9/7 heart procedure.

Cassie Rosenberger - healing after recent surgery.

Ella - healing from major back surgery (teen granddaughter of Biondos).

Patty and mom Estelle - as Patty is receiving hospice care (Pleis/Eiffert).

All impacted by Covid-19 - individuals, families, healthcare workers; If anyone needs help getting vax/booster or if anyone vaccinated would like to be on the Care Team, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

The war in Ukraine.

Women's Justice issues.

Continuing

Joan Biest - radiation treatments wrapped up recently.

Mary Kay McKenzie - unable to communicate (sister of Tom's sister).

Jackie - special needs adult battling Parkinson's, cancer, and dementia.

Josh - receiving chemo; needs a bone marrow transplant (Tarr).

Sharon - variety of health challenges (Rogers).

Sue Linson - recently diagnosed with leukemia (McKenzie).

Dusty & Lindsay; Matt & Kim - expecting babies with complications.

The Haack's neighbor - stage 4 cancer... single parent of a 2.5 yr old.

Janet Schoedinger - chemotherapy for 3rd cancer battle (Litzinger).

Lynda Ruby - living with cancer (Lindner).

Val - strength and patience (Jim Winkelmann's 101 year-old mother).

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges.

Cherie & Mike Stolze - her health; her father's kidney disease.

Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

Bill Darland - ongoing health issues.

Lizzie - awaiting liver transplant (niece of Barb Kuhlmann).

Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.

Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending August 28 - **St. Johns UCC**, St. Louis; stjohnsbeloved.com
Week ending September 4 - **St. Lucas UCC**, Sappington; stlucasucc.org

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Marv Herpel - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217;
Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]
Sue Houser - *Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing*; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B;
Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]
Pat Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr,
#325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21]
Bill Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr,
#104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]
John Nourse *The Village at Cape Albeon*; 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #166;
Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]
Ruth Peace - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253;
meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: August 8]
Naomi Runtz - 272 N Lindbergh Blvd; StL MO 63141; 34-993-0469
naomiruntz@sbcglobal.net [birthdate: August 30]
Gladys Sims - *Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418*;
Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]
Pinky Wilcoxon - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-
0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: April 7]
Dick Witte - *Meramec Bluffs Assisted Living*; 40 Meramec Trails Dr; Apt
#104; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-368-7324 [birthdate: March 25]

Other

The Shelton Family - as Killian prepares to welcome a baby sister.
Brussee/Dario/Race Family as Skyler and Justin prep to be parents.
Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.
The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.
All people who live with mental illness.
Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.
PUCF Family struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits.
Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC
Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands.
Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States.
Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world.
Healing of relationships between the public and the police.
Peace and Justice near and far
US Military around the globe.

Thank you to all who have sent cards and texts over the past month. I greatly appreciate it. ~Cassie Rosenberger

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Luke 14:1, 7-14

Open Table

The Little Pantry Movement is based on the Little Library movement. Where the little libraries made books available to neighbors and passers-by, the little pantry makes available non-perishable food and hygiene items for anyone who might be in need. The motto of the loosely organized movement is “Take what you need, give what you can.” The mini pantry movement is a grassroots, crowdsourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need for food or a need to give, mini pantries help feed neighbors, nourishing neighborhoods.

Emmaus United Church in the Northern Virginia community of Vienna has a Little Free Food Pantry on their property. In September 2020 the Emmaus Youth Group received a \$500 service grant from a local organization to build a Little Free Pantry, a project that was chosen by the Emmaus Youth Group members. Over the course of 3 weekends, the Youth Group members gathered to construct and install the Pantry. The Youth Group checks and stocks the Pantry weekly, but anyone can check it throughout the week and restock it from a bin of donations left in a public place.

Suggested personal care donations to the Emmaus Little Food Pantry are items like hand sanitizer, face masks, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small size toothpaste, socks, first aid supplies, soap/shampoo, brushes and combs.

Of course, food donations are the mainstay of the pantry and include nonperishable food items with pull tabs or other easy-to-open and single serve containers. Suggested items are jerky, canned/packets of meat, canned ready meals (pasta, chili), nut and seed butter (single serve or small size preferred), canned fruit/fruit cups, peanut butter & other snack crackers, dried fruit, trail mix, nuts, granola/protein/breakfast bars, single serve cereal, single serve shelf stable milk, juice boxes, canned vegetables, canned soup, and water bottles.

Jesus welcomed all to an open table. A Little Free Pantry is one example of an open table that you and your community can co-create with Christ in your area. If you are curious about how you could create a Little Free Food Pantry on your church property, check out <https://emmausucc.org/> or <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>.